

**THE MONTH OF  
NOVEMBER**

**2014**

**SENIOR PASTOR'S ARTICLE**  
**Pastor Francis L. Schroeder**  
**Holy Cross Lutheran—Nederland**

**PASTOR  
FRANCIS'  
PROJECTS**

SUNDAY MORNING  
ADULT CLASSES

PREPARATIONS FOR  
SUNDAY SERVICES &  
THANKSGIVING EVE

PLANNING FOR FALL  
CLASSES & STUDIES

WEEKDAY SCHOOL &  
CONFIRMATION  
CLASSES

NOVEMBER CIRCUIT  
PROFESSIONALS  
MEETING

EARLY CHILDHOOD  
CHAPEL SERVICES



**THE LORD'S HAND IN TECHNOLOGY**

**How computer literate are you?**

**Are you an expert?**

**Perhaps just a beginner?**

**Whether we use them or not they are a major part of our lives in the 21st century. Can you even remember a time without computers? I can but the younger generations cannot.**

**Back in the mid-1950s the Remington Rand Company delivered its first computer to the United States Census Bureau. Now, if you are a computer user with a laptop computer in your briefcase, or if you have a smaller hand-held type, consider this: that mid 1950s computer weighed 16,000 pounds and used 5,000 vacuum tubes.**

**We have come a long way, and the temptation may be to give all the credit for modern advances to human beings. But the technology we use today existed long before the 1950s. It was part of God's great creation. He put it into place. It simply took us a while to discover and refine it.**

**What should amaze all of us is the complexity that our Creator God built into the universe. No doubt He has many more surprises and advancements in store for us. Let us thank Him and pray that we always use His creation for purposes pleasing to Him!**

**Blessed November & Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Pastor Francis Schroeder**

# SUNDAY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2014

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd**

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED**

10:30 AM Service in the Sanctuary

Pastor Schroeder—Proclaimer

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th**

### **THE 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:00 AM Sunday Morning Matins Service  
in the Sanctuary

Pastor Schroeder—Proclaimer

10:30 AM Traditional Service

in the Sanctuary

Pastor Schroeder—Proclaimer

10:30 AM Fusion Contemporary

in the Family Life Center

Pastor Davidson—Proclaimer

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th**

### **THE 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED**

10:30 AM Service in the Sanctuary

Pastor Davidson—Proclaimer

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd**

### **LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

#### **MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY**

10:30 AM Service in the Sanctuary

Michael Fuchs / Texas Partners in Mission

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th**

### **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

7:30 PM Service in the Sanctuary

Pastor Schroeder—Proclaimer

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th**

### **THE 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

10:30 AM Service in the Sanctuary

Pastor Schroeder—Proclaimer

## **DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER?**

### **Our Sunday Morning Elders' Prayers Lift Up...**

November 2nd  
Grace Lutheran Church - Orange, Texas  
Pastor Tom Haas

November 9th  
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Groves, Texas  
Pastor Richard Turner

November 16th  
Our Savior Lutheran Church – Centerville, Texas  
**PASTOR JAN "TREY" RIENSTRA (SON OF HOLY CROSS)**

November 23rd  
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Jasper, Texas  
Faith Lutheran Church - Woodville, Texas  
Pastor Mark Follett

November 30th  
Redeemer Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas  
Pastor Fred Kelm

December 7th  
St. John Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas  
Pastor Doug Rathgeber

December 14th  
Hope Lutheran Church - Winnie, Texas  
Pastor Richard LeBlanc

December 21st  
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Sheboygan, Wisconsin  
Pastor Alan Kretschmar (Son of Holy Cross)

December 28th  
Trinity Lutheran Church - Port Arthur, Texas  
Pastor Tim Dinger & Pastor Mario Casillas



## DID YOU KNOW THIS TOO ?

**OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONS** (September, October, & November) are available in the narthex of the church.

**PORTALS OF PRAYERS** (October, November, & December) are available in the narthex of the church.

**THE CIRCUIT PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE** will be on the second Tuesday of every month at a different church in the circuit.

We gather at 8:30 AM for coffee and refreshments, 9:00 AM for Opening Devotion, 9:15 AM for Bible Study, 10:15 AM for Break, 10:30 AM for Topical Study, 11:15 AM for Circuit Business and Casuistry.

The Circuit Professionals Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18th at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Beaumont.

**HOLY CROSS HOMEBOUND MEMBERS** receive on a weekly basis an audio copy of Holy Cross' Sunday morning services. They also receive on a monthly basis a DVD from Lutheran Ministries Media.

### **WORSHIP BULLETINS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS**

Redeemer Lutheran Church—Austin, Texas  
 United Methodist Temple—Port Arthur, Texas  
 Hillcrest Baptist Church—Nederland, Texas  
 St. Paul Lutheran Church—Serbin, Texas  
 Trinity Lutheran Church—Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
 Christ the King Lutheran Church—Kingwood, Texas  
 St. Paul Lutheran Church in Norwood Park Township, Illinois  
 La Messe En Francais—La Maison Beausoleil Port Neches, Texas

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—PORT ARTHUR** is in need of volunteers to work in their **THRIFT SHOP** on Tuesday, Friday, & Saturdays from 8 AM until 12 Noon. Please contact Trinity Lutheran at 983-1130.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY** will open its doors on the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST**  
**THE FOOD PANTRY**  
**AND THE RE-SELL-IT SHOP**  
**AT TRINITY LUTHERAN IN PORT ARTHUR**  
**YOUR ASSISTANCE IS WELCOMED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:**

- 1) **TRINITY LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY** is permitted to receive one pallet of food per week, on Fridays, at the Southeast Texas Food Bank on MLK Blvd in Beaumont, near Lamar University. One **full-sized pick up truck** is needed. A fork lift will drop the shrink-wrapped pallet into the back of your truck and you will need to drive it to Trinity Lutheran in Port Arthur. If you are able to assist, please call **Rosie Cabrera at 512-743-0696.**
- 2) **TRINITY LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY** is always looking for volunteers to help with food distribution on the 3rd Saturday of every month. If you can assist please call **Rosie Cabrera at 512-743-0696.**
- 3) **TRINITY THRIFT STORE** is looking for volunteers to serve. The hours are:  
**Tuesday: 8:00 AM—11:30 AM**  
**Friday: 8:00 AM—11:30 AM**  
**Saturday: 8:00 AM—11:30 AM**  
 Please contact the **Church Office at Trinity Lutheran**  
**at 409-983-1130.**



***More details in boxes below!***

**CIRCUIT 34 MISSION**  
**COUNCIL FOOD PANTRY**

We are looking for **volunteers** to help set up, box food, & distribute it on the **third Saturday of EACH month**. If anyone is available with a truck and would like to help, please contact Rosie at #(512) 743-0696—**next Pantry Distribution on November 15th**. The Food Pantry is held at **Trinity Lutheran in Pt. Arthur**. Volunteers are asked to arrive around **8am** to prepare for the distribution at **9am** which last until the food runs out (usually around one hour). If you are willing to help, please notify Trinity Lutheran Church at #983-1130 or [trinitylupa@yahoo.com](mailto:trinitylupa@yahoo.com). Please save your Portals-of-Prayer or any Christian devotional materials that you no longer need. Those working the **Food Pantry** will pass those out along with the food—to feed the soul as well as the body.

*Thanks in advance!*

**TRINITY THRIFT STORE**

As part of our mission work, the Churches of **Circuit 34** help to support the Thrift Store at **Trinity Lutheran in Pt. Arthur**. **Pastor Casillas** meets people each Saturday who come to the Thrift Store & then visits with them to share the message about Jesus.

The Thrift Store sells any kind of items: clothing, furnishings, dishes, tools, etc.

**Be sure that all your unwanted items go to the Thrift Store.**

The Thrift Store needs help from each **congregation** in **Circuit 34**. Members at Trinity have been operating the store, but because of some health issues they need help to operate the store.

**Store hours are:**  
**Tuesday, Friday, &**  
**Saturday 8-11:30 am**

Call or email Trinity & let them know if you will work that week. Trinity is easy to reach—get on Hwy 69 & go straight into Port Arthur, turn right on Procter & go 4 blks.

***Thanks for your help!***



# **The Holidays are a comin'!**

Things are moving so fast, it is fall and the holidays are coming... Are you ready?

Fall football is in full effect. How are your teams doing this year? When your favorite team scores are you shouting amen, just like on Sunday mornings?

Thanksgiving is approaching too fast to admit. Christmas is right around the corner. Both holidays are on the way. Are you ready?

Do you have your turkey scoped out? Has the family made their plans to visit? Are the seats at the family table reserved yet for a Thanksgiving feast? Family traditions ready to go?

With Christmas just weeks away, have you bought all your presents yet? Have you dusted off the decorations in the attic? Are you ready for the all the festivities?

Truth is, there is so much going on. We are ramping up for the holiday season. If it is shouting amen! If it is surrounding ourselves with family, or preparing the perfect gift for a loved one, Christ is there.

As we prepare for this season, we remember Christ. God sent His only Son, our perfect gift into the world. Through His death and resurrection we can boldly shout "Amen!" Because of Christ's work, we are able to be adopted back into the family of God.

The World comes at us so fast no matter the season. Perhaps today may be the time to meditate on the perfect gift, the one and only perfect Gift. God's own Son, Jesus the Christ given to us. Maybe today is the day to shout AMEN, because we are forgiven. Maybe today is the day to meditate on the grace and mercy of the Heavenly Father. He by the power of the Holy Spirit adopted us into the family of God through Baptism.

In a time that gets so busy, too busy, maybe today is the day to take a step back and just say thank you. Thank you Lord for all that you are, for all that you have done, for what you have made us to be, and all that you allow us to do.  
In His Mercy,

- Pastor Davidson



# NOVEMBER



2—Shannon Barnes  
Angela Taylor

3—Debra Redding  
Cody Schulze  
Josh Tindel

4—Gisela Gunter  
Matt Parks

5—Dawn Graeter  
Leslie O'Neal  
Traci Perryman  
Larry Sanders  
Mackenzie Tindel

6—Jill Stevenson

7—Judy Alvarez  
Art Richard

8—Dillon Ford  
Robert Runnels

9—Stone Brodeur

10—Joann Ermel  
Alan Rising  
Kent Stahl

11—Whitney Kieschnick  
Jessica Wiedenfeld

12—Helga Champagne  
Bonnie Gee  
Zeke Grimes  
Nathan Wolfe

13—Blake Carter  
Alec Lewis  
Gloria Melancon  
Lauren Rising  
Madison VanBrocklin

14—Brenda Bland  
Tatum Kieschnick  
Johnny Krautz  
Deborah Rose

15—Ronnie Osgood

16—Bailey Barnes  
John Davis

17—Jarrod Brown  
Catherine Bruney  
Krislyn Love

18—Andrea Byrd  
Holden Hopper  
Bobbie Loukas

19—Ashley Causey

20—Tara Gillespie  
Libby Wolford

21—Kane Benoit  
Elena Coffman  
Maggie Hopper

22—Christie LeJune  
Barbara Smithy

23—Shana Wiethorn

24—Tracy Davis  
Tiffany Lavespere

25—Natasha Teinert

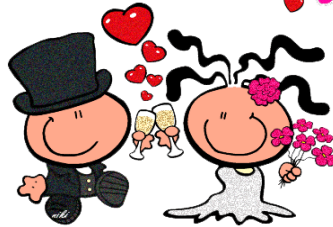
27—Patsy Alleman  
Chloe Cannon  
Wendy Gaona  
Jeanette Thompson  
Gil VanBrocklin

28—Chad Ford  
Kennedy Kieschnick  
Tara McEachern

29—David Harbour

30—Kayli Moore  
James Shipley  
Cheryl White

## Happy Anniversary



10—Amy & Chuck Schulze  
Haley & Chris Vincent

17—Ashley & Jason Heatherly  
Erin & David Prioux

20—Sandy & Rusty Crow  
Dorothy & Jimmy Morgan

22—Emily & Dannis McCullough

23—Rita & Charles Davis

24—Barbara & Ron Gribnau

26—Mary Helen & Charles Terrell

27—Anita & J. B. Ashby

28—Wendy & Richard Gaona  
Barbara & Winston Newman

30—Tiffany & Clint Caywood

## COME VISIT OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

in the Education Building.  
We have new books coming in! Just sign the checkout card & leave it on the desk. Any questions, call Lynne Hollomon, Pam Vincent, or Kathy Pinnt.



God makes everything beautiful in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11  
**Happy Fall!**  
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*Deadline for  
December  
Newsletter is  
November 18.*

## MIDWEEK CLASSES

**5:30pm** Midweek Meal

**6:00 pm** Midweek  
Classes, Confirmation  
Classes, & High  
School Youth.

A light meal will be served on Wednesday evenings for anyone who is participating in Wednesday night classes: Weekday School, Confirmation, high school class, and Lifelight. The meal will be served from 5:30-6pm in the Family Life Center.

**Nov 5**-pizza, fruit, & dessert  
**Nov 12**-hot dogs, chips, & fruit  
**Nov 19**-pizza & fruit  
**Nov 26**-Thanksgiving Eve  
Service (no meal or classes)



## News from our: **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**

*LWML is: Lutheran Women who are:  
In the Word, of the Word, walking with their Lord!  
We have many opportunities for the congregation  
to help us with our worthy mission projects.*



### ***LWML***

**November 11 @ 6pm**

#### ***Hostesses:***

*Jeannie Ford & Donna Gunn*

#### ***Program:***

*"Thankful Response of a Lutheran Woman in Mission"*

#### ***Activity:***

*Our Mission Tree Project—we will be collecting monetary gifts along with money raised from our bake sale to be given to **Kevin Foley, a seminarian** at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He is a former DCE Intern here at Holy Cross.*



LWML will have a **Bake Sale** on **Sunday, November 23rd** after the worship service. Come pick up some goodies for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Funds from our Bake Sale will be given to **Kevin Foley**, a seminarian at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

### **QUILTING THURSDAYS November 6 & 13**

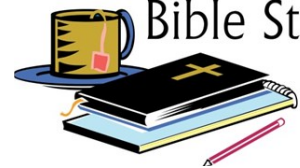
**@ 9am in**

**Conference Room A.**

If you're unable to quilt, with the group, you can work on the quilts at home. Call Rosie at 201-5710, and she will give you the fabric. We are still accepting donations of blue jeans. You can call or drop them at the church office. Questions, call Rosie Herring.



### **Women's Bible Study**



**LADIES SMALL GROUP**  
**Thurs., November 20,**  
**at 2:30pm at**  
**Evelyn Ludwig's.**

## **Thanksgiving Baskets**

LWML & ECE invites the congregation to help with our **Thanksgiving Baskets** by donating nonperishable food items to fill our baskets. Please place items in the baskets located in the Education Building and the church narthex. We will be collecting items until **Sunday, November 23.**



Monetary donations, used to purchase perishable items, may be given to **Judy Sturgis** or **Ruth Anne Perryman**. If you know of any families that may have a need, please let Judy or Ruth Anne know.

**LWML** will be collecting items for their **Human Care Kits** to be sent to **Lutheran World Relief**. Items that are being collected are as follows:



Lutheran World Relief  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

- ♦ One sturdy **comb**
- ♦ One adult-size **toothbrush** in its original packaging (*multi-packs will be accepted*)
- ♦ Two bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of **soap**, (*any brand—in original wrapping*)
- ♦ One light-weight bath-size **towel** (*maximum 52" x 27"—dark color recommended*)
- ♦ One metal **nail clippers** (*attached file optional*)

We will begin collecting now through **March 2015!**

Oh what "**Grateful Hearts**" there are just because of you.

Our **Trash to Cash** project of collecting stamps is a "**grateful**" gift.

Over \$20,000 has been collected for postage.

So many of these stamps or even **one** stamp has come with a treasured memory.

What a gift you give. One stamp plus another just add up. Never think any are too few.

Holy Cross LWML has "**grateful hearts**" for your help in this mission project.

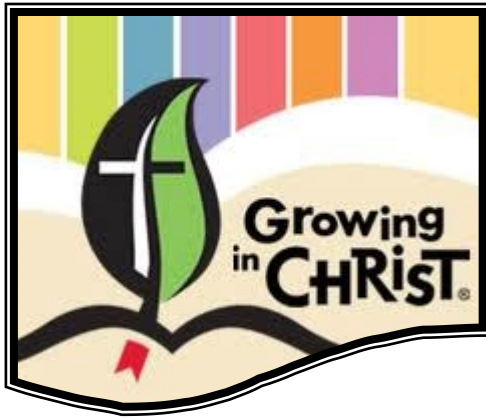
Put your used stamps in the Narthex mailbox of

**Judy Alvarez** or **Sharon Teinert.**

Any questions, call Sharon at #718-5906.







Holy Cross Lutheran Church is  
**"Growing In Christ"** and we have a place  
 for everyone in your family.

The material we will be using for  
 Sunday morning children's classes is called  
**"Growing in Christ."**

Growing in Christ is a traditional  
 classroom Sunday School for all ages. This  
 same-age classroom model helps students  
 learn and grow in faith alongside their peers  
 as they explore the Bible, draw connections  
 to the Small Catechism, and learn the  
 traditions of the Lutheran Church.

Questions? Contact DCE Kristy Witek  
 at 722-1609 or email at  
[dcekristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcekristy@sbcglobal.net)  
 for more information!

**We hope you will join us.**  
**Bring a friend!**

## **Sunday Morning Classes**

**9am - Classes &  
 10:30am - Worship**

**Where Do Classes Meet on  
 Sunday Mornings?**

**Nursery (0-4 years)**  
 Nursery in Sanctuary

**Kindergarten to 1st Grade Class**  
 Education Building  
 Room #3

**2nd to 4th Grade Class**  
 Education Building  
 Room #1

**Middle School Youth**  
 5th-8th Grade Class  
 Education Building (*downstairs*)  
 Room #4

**High School Youth**  
**(9th-12th Grade) Class**  
 Education Building (*upstairs*)  
 Room #12, #13, #14  
 (*aka: HS Youth Room*)

**Pastor Francis Schroeder's**  
**Adult Bible Class**  
 Conference Room A  
 (*New Office Building*)

**Pastor Seth Davidson's**  
**Adult Bible Class**  
 Conference Room B  
 (*New Office Building*)

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## **Birthday Party for Jesus**

**Sunday, December 7**  
**9am**  
**Education Building Big Room**

All children through the 8th Grade and their  
 families are invited to join us as we celebrate  
 Jesus' birthday on Sunday, December 7 @9am in  
 our Education Building Big Room. It's a Birthday Party for Jesus, which will include  
 singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus, blowing out the birthday candles, cake and ice  
 cream, the reading of the real "Christmas Story," and a Christmas craft.

You and your children will not want to miss it! Invite your friends!



**Mid-week/Kingdom Quest (K-4th) and**  
**Confirmation (5th-8th) Classes**

**5:30pm – M&M Time (“Meal & Memory” Work Time)**

**Family Life Center Foyer**

**6pm-7:15 — Classes**



**FREE MEAL:** Holy Cross serves a light supper at 5:30pm for anyone who attends the Wednesday evening classes: kids in Weekday School and Confirmation Classes, young adults in the high school / college class, adults in the Life Light classes, and all teachers.

Even if parents are running late, the kids can take their plates to the classroom at 6:00pm.

Adults and children will know ahead of time what is being served!

Kingdom Quest is a fabulous program for Kindergarten through 4th Grade. The GOAL of Kingdom Quest is to provide active discipleship for Kids. One thing is almost certain - Children WILL NOT be bored. Children will begin their Wednesday evening in their very special small group. There are three separate small groups for our Kindergarten through 4th Grade students. Then after small group time, students will transition to a Large Group setting that creatively presents the Bible event. They will get to meet our puppet, Gerdy/Gordy as well as many other amazing people from the Bible!!! After large group time is complete, they will again return to their small groups to be challenged to take their faith into every day situations. The content is very JESUS-centered and each lesson uses active learning methods utilizing their multiple senses.

Our awesome small group leaders will focus on connecting kids relationally and helping them apply God's truth in their lives.

5th-7th Grade Confirmation classes will be taught by DCE Kristy Witek. We are using the fabulous curriculum called Faith Inkubators, which we have used for the past 7 years. Faith Inkubators' goal is Head to the Heart (H2H) - to reach kids and their families for Christ during the exciting, promising, challenging and sometimes rough and rocky teen years. Faith Inkubators' founder Rev. Richard Melheim, spent more than a decade in parish ministry wondering why Bible camp and youth group worked and confirmation didn't. He struggled with the traditional Christian education models that graduated kids on confirmation day, three-fourths of them never to return. He wanted to do something about it. The suicides of two young men in his youth group provided him with a slap in the face and helped him create a pastoral care model that blurred the lines between youth group and youth education. Rich spent three years testing this “car load of kids” confirmation system and created something really special – Faith Inkubators!

**Pastor Schroeder leads our 8th Grade Confirmation class and he uses his own curriculum.**

**Mr. Michael Rose leads our Young Adult Class - 9th Grade through 21 years.**

**Adult LifeLight Classes are led by Johnny Krautz & Nancy Beckcom.**

More details about our Confirmation Classes, Memory Work and Class Schedules, please go to our website

**[www.holycrosstexas.org](http://www.holycrosstexas.org)**

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our Midweek, Kingdom Quest and Confirmation Classes, please contact DCE Kristy Witek at 722-1609 [ordcekristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ordcekristy@sbcglobal.net)

**We can't wait to see you Wednesdays @ 6pm! BRING A FRIEND!**

***Parents—Please drop off all children at Family Life Center, and use the covered walk-way when traveling from one building to another. K-4th Children will stay in the FLC from the time they arrive until 5:55pm and will walk together with teacher to classroom. Thank you!***

**The LITTLE LAMBS CHOIR**  
sings on the 4th Sunday of each month (*usually*)!

The Little Lambs Choir is for any and all children 0 years through the 4th grade. Practices are 9:15am each Sunday morning.

**Sunday Morning Schedule for 0 years to 4th Grade**

9am-9:15am - Craft/Coloring Sheets and Fellowship Time

9:15am - Song Time for Little Lambs Choir

9:30am-10:00am - Sunday School Classes

10:00am - Dismiss Children

If you would like a CD of the songs so you can practice at home,  
please stop by DCE Kristy Witek's office or contact her at [dcekristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcekristy@sbcglobal.net)

**Little Lamb's Choir Schedule**

Sunday, November 23—Jesus Loves Me (Traditional)

Sunday, December 21 (Christmas Program)

Sunday, January 25 - "Go"

Sunday, February 22 - "God's Love"

Sunday, March 29 -Palm Sunday— "Hosanna"

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday Service @10:30am "1,2,3"



Questions? Contact DCE Kristy Witek @722-1609 or [dcekristy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcekristy@sbcglobal.net).

## Can We Invite Friends to Church/Youth Events?

This question is asked just about every time we have a special event for youth or adults and I often wonder why? **Luke 14:23 says,** *"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'"* So, can we invite friends, family, neighbors to functions, events, worship, Bible studies and youth or adult events at Holy Cross?

## The answer is —YES!



In fact I believe, we should always, always, always be  
inviting someone to join us for everything we  
participate in at Holy Cross: Worship Services, Bible  
Study, Confirmation, Youth Events, Adult Fellowship  
Events, potluck dinners. If our doors are open,  
then we should...

**ALWAYS INVITE A FRIEND!**

# Adult Fellowship Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 7**  
**Tequila's Mexican Restaurant**  
8550 Memorial Blvd



**6:00pm—Cocktail Hour**

*\*Wine, Beer, Margaritas will be available for purchase*

**7:00pm – Devotion & Buffet Dinner**

**8pm—“Chinese Auction”**

**Cost: \$11.99 (Buffet) + \$15 gift (optional)**

*\*Chinese Auction—Ladies bring a lady's gift (\$15); Men bring a men's gift (\$15)*

**No Tickets— Just pay when you arrive!**

*(\$11.99 per person for Buffet; \$1.99 for soda, \$2.05 Tea, other drinks available also)*

Contact Teresa and Peter Wolfe or Erin and David Prioux for other info or to RSVP!

*Adults 18 years old or older are encouraged to join us for this very special event!*

Babysitting is available—please contact us in advance if you need a sitter!

## HOW THRIVENT MEMBERS CAN HELP HOLY CROSS THROUGH THRIVENT CHOICE—



**This is one of the things that makes Thrivent Financial  
different from most other financial services companies!**

The thing you may not know about **Thrivent Financial** is we are a not for profit organization committed to giving back to the communities and congregations we serve.

One way we do this is through the **Choice Dollar program**.

Currently, members that have Insurance premiums over \$800 per year or annuity products valued over \$20,000 with Thrivent Financial are eligible to take part. These members may then allocate these Choice dollars to Holy Cross, or any of the more than a thousand of eligible 501C-3 charities we have to select at Thrivent.com, or you can nominate your favorite 501C-3 charity to become eligible.

**The church and the preschool are both listed to receive funds.**

Thrivent Financial is a full service, member, not stockholder owned, financial services firm, offering insurance and investment solutions to our members for over 100 years. We have over 2.4 million members nationwide and more than \$100 billion in assets under management. Thrivent Financial also was again rated by Ethisphere as one of the world's most ethical companies for the 3rd year in row. If you would like to learn more about Thrivent, or have questions about your life insurance, retirement, or rollover needs, please call and find out for yourself what sets us apart. I would be happy to talk to you and your family about any questions you might have.

**Call Kay Brown, Rosemarie Herring, or  
Brian Orner at (713)298-9558 or email: [brian.ornier@thrivent.com](mailto:brian.ornier@thrivent.com)**



# ***Christmas Program*** ***“Angel, Angel!”***

**Sunday, December 21 @10:30am**  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

## **Practices:**

Wednesday, November 5 @7:15pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room  
Wednesday, November 12 @7:15pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room  
Wednesday, November 19 @7:15pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room  
Wednesday, December 3 @7pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room  
Wednesday, December 10 @7pm-7:30pm in Education Big Room  
**Saturday, December 13 @10am in Sanctuary**  
Wednesday, December 17 @7pm-7:30pm in Education Big ROOM

## **Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal**

Saturday, December 20 @10am in Sanctuary

## **Christmas Program in Sanctuary**

Sunday, December 21 @10:30am

Practice and prepare during SS hour on Sunday, December 21 at 9am! We only have one Saturday rehearsal scheduled in addition to the Dress Rehearsal, so practices are very important! We encourage you to get a CD and practice songs at home as often as you can.

Questions call Christmas Program Director Kyra Day, 409-718-8256.

## **Speaking Parts Available**

*Roman Soldier*

*Registrar*

*Innkeeper*

*Angel*

*Mary*

*Joseph*

*Baby Jesus*

*Donkey*

*Spotted Cow*

*Wooly Sheep*

*Shepherd*

*Angels*

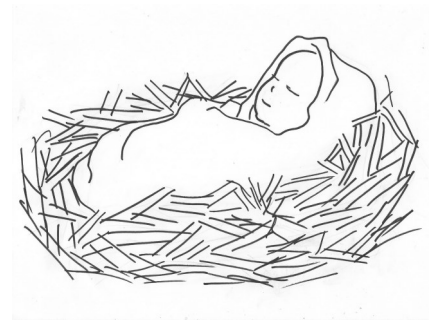
*Bright Star*

*Wise Men*

*The Angel Gabriel*

*Narrator #1—High School Youth or Adult*

*Narrator #2—High School Youth or Adult*



If you are interested in a speaking part please contact Director, Kyra Day and/or sign the clipboard sheet. Clipboard sheets will be available for signups very soon!





# Kingdom Quest Christmas Cookie Project

Wednesday, December 17 @ 6-7:15pm  
Education Building Big Room

On Wednesday, December 17 the Kingdom Quest Students (*Kindergarten through 4th Grade*) and the 5th-8th Grade will be frosting and decorating Homemade Christmas Cookies which will be given to the Hospitality Center in Port Arthur, Texas. The Coordinator at the Hospitality Center says the guests who eat there, rarely ever get a special dessert like a homemade Christmas cookie and will be elated to feast on something other than a dried out donut.

Let's help make their Christmas super special!

## HELP NEEDED

We are looking for families and/or individuals who are willing to BAKE Sugar Cookies that the students can decorate. We need **35 dozen sugar cookies** (Please do NOT frost cookies). Drop off cookies by **Tuesday, December 16!**

Sign the clipboard sheet if you can bake some cookies for us!

## **Middle School (5th-8th Grade) Youth Bowling and Laser Tag**

**Sunday, November 16  
@5pm-8pm**

Max Bowl—3500 Regional Dr, Port Arthur, TX



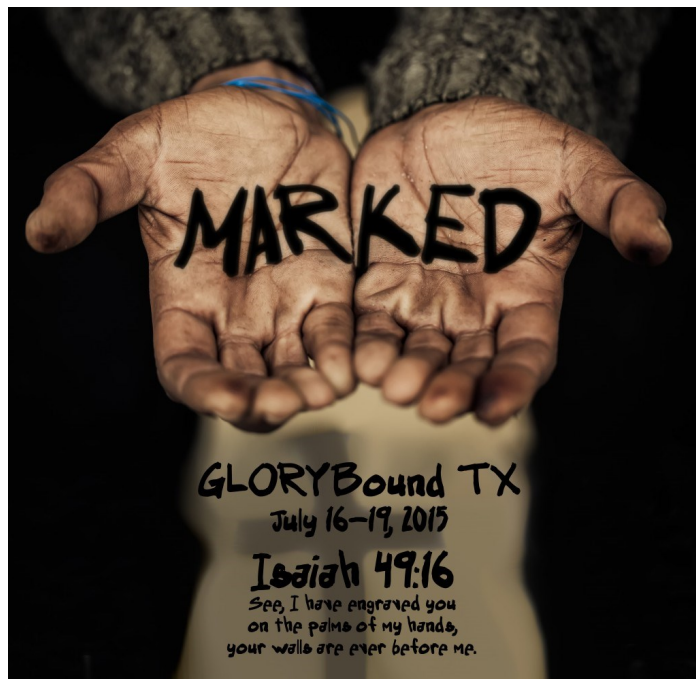
**Cost:** \$12 per person

(includes 1 hour of bowling, Laser Tag and \$5 game card + shoes)

No Carpool. Meet at Max Bowl @5p. Pick-up at Max Bowl @8pm.

**All 5th-8th Grade students and your friends are invited to join us!**

Sign-up on the clipboard or contact DCE Kristy Witek  
if you plan to attend!



## High School Youth Texas District Gathering

Thursday, July 16-Sunday, July 19, 2015

San Marcos, Texas

Registration: \$160 per person (non-refundable)

**Deadline to register is Sunday, November 30**

Eligible youth are those presently in the 8th Grade through 11th Grade.

Must be entering 9th-12th Grade in the fall of 2015

### GLORYBOUND REGISTRATION FORM

Youth's/Adult's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in fall of 2015:    ☐ 9th    ☐ 10th    ☐ 11th    ☐ 12th    ☐ Adult

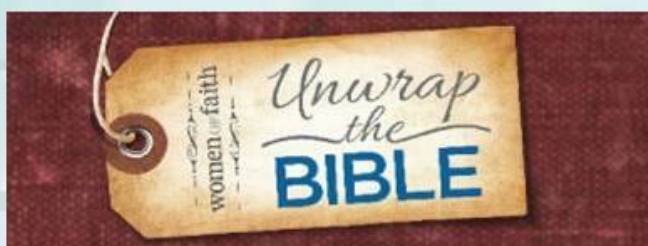
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #/Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

*I/my youth is hereby committing to attend the Glorybound Trip to San Marcos, Texas on Thursday, July 16 through Sunday, July 19, 2015 and give myself/son/daughter permission to attend. I understand that I will be responsible for paying the \$160 (non-refundable) Registration Fee for this trip.*

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## LIVE Simulcast

(From Lifeway Church in Houston)  
**at Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**4330 Crow Road, Beaumont**  
**409-892-3286**

**Fri., Feb 20, 2015**

doors open at 530pm  
 starts at 630pm

**Sat., Feb 21, 2015**

doors open at 730am  
 starts at 830am

A transformational weekend with Women of Faith, a perfect event to invite other women outside of your church to attend, and a two-day delivery of in-depth, expository Bible teaching from teachers you know and trust. Women of Faith Presents: Unwrap The Bible, one of its most popular events, for the first time via simulcast for your church to participate.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Mail:

**\*OR\***

Scan & Email to:

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**4330 Crow Rd, Beaumont TX 77706**

[millerbarbara27@yahoo.com](mailto:millerbarbara27@yahoo.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Registered: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash\_\_ Check\_\_ Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CC Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Card \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Deadlines:

**\$40 by 12/15/14**

**\$45 by 1/15/15**

**After 1/15/15**

**\$55**

(prices include lunch for Saturday)

### Speakers:



Sheila Walsh



Charlotte Gambill



Lisa Harper



Christine Caine



Priscilla Shirer

Holy Cross has a group of 20+ women planning to attend the Women of Faith Conference in Houston on February 20-21, however, if you haven't yet purchased a ticket or it is difficult for you to travel to Houston for the weekend, please prayerfully consider participating in this LIVE Simulcast at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Beaumont.

**Contact Redeemer Lutheran Church at 892-3286**  
**if you are interested in purchasing a ticket.**



**Featuring BARBERSHOP at its BEST!  
 Spirit of SETexas Chorus  
 & the Harmony Exporters**

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**6 pm Spaghetti Dinner & 7 pm Show**

**Doors open @ 5:15 pm**

**Silent Auction closes at intermission**

**Advance Dinner & Show Tickets \$12**

**(After Sunday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, tickets are \$20)**

**Complete table reservations available**

**6 person table - \$100, 8 person table - \$120, 10 person table - \$140**

**For TABLE RESERVATIONS, contact Kristy Witek (409) 722-1609**

*Only 15 reserved tables available!*

*Proceeds will help support the Holy Cross Youth,  
 Spirit of SETx Chorus and Harmony Exporters*

**Tickets available from any chorus or youth group member!**

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church Family Life Center  
 2711 Helena Ave., Nederland, TX**



## Meet Our Sponsored Child, *Jean Yawo Atama*

Did you know that we sponsor a child from Togo, Africa, through Compassion International? We have sponsored Jean since May 10, 2012. Through our sponsorship, Jean receives, "among other things: the opportunity to hear the gospel and learn about Jesus; regular Christian training; educational opportunities and help; health care, hygiene training and supplementary food if necessary; a caring and safe Christian environment to grow in self-confidence and social skills; personal attention, guidance and love" (compassion.com). We can regularly write to Jean and his family and he regularly writes to us. Our sponsorship of \$38 a month is fully supported by our weekly Sunday School offering! *If you are interested in writing to Jean on a regular basis, we are looking for a person or a family to help us do that. You can write to Jean online, by using a username and password, or by regular mail.*



Please contact DCE Kristy Witek if interested in writing to Jean.

### Here are some interesting facts things about Jean:

1. Jean is 6 years old and will turn 7 on December 31, 2014
2. He hopes to learn about playing the piano
3. He want to go to college and become a doctor
4. He likes to sing at church
5. He gets up at 6am
6. His best friend is Abalo
7. His favorite food is rice
8. His favorite toy is a plastic cup
9. His favorite sport is football (ie: soccer)
10. He has a father, mother, and a brother
11. In one letter he asked "can you visit me one day in Africa?"

## ECE—NEWS!



We currently have **97 children** enrolled!  
71 children attend on Monday-Wednesday &  
65 children attend on Tuesday-Thursday.

We would like to thank all of our parents who attended and volunteered to bring refreshments to Open House in October. It was a huge success!

We are so blessed to have your children with us!

### A few dates to remember for November:

Monday, **November 3**—NO School—Teacher Work Day at NISD

Monday, **November 17** & Tuesday, **November 18**—Fall Pictures with Dianne Pursch

Wednesday, **November 19** & Thursday, **November 20**—Thankful Feast (4 & 5 yr olds)

Wednesday, **November 19** & Thursday, **November 20**—Pizza Days (1-3 yr olds)

Monday, **November 24**—Thursday, **November 28**—NO School (Thanksgiving Holidays)

We want to remind everyone that we have partnered with Shoparoo as a fundraiser for our school. We are also continuing to collect Campbell's Labels.

Please see the following fact sheets and check out our website for more details!

If you have any questions, please contact **Kay Brown, the Director, at #722-2177.**





## *Poinsettia Order Forms*

We will be taking orders for **Poinsettia Plants** to fill our Sanctuary for the Christmas Holidays. There are **3 colors** available to choose from: **red, white, & pink.** The cost is \$10 per plant.

Please make checks to: **Holy Cross Lutheran.** Order forms will also be available on the clipboard and in your member box in the Narthex.

The deadline is Sunday, November 2.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_

Color of Poinsettias: Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



### To: Holy Cross Library Fund

In memory of  
**Elsie Beckcom**  
**Steven Wiley**  
given by  
Pam & Steve Vincent  
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### To: Holy Cross General Fund

In memory of  
**Steven Wiley**  
**Becky Babin-Potts**  
(Dianne Krautz's sister)  
given by  
Will McCall &  
Jeannie Heider families  
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### To: Holy Cross ECE

In memory of  
**Steven Wiley**  
given by  
Lori & Wayne Halbert  
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### To: Holy Cross ECE Scholarship Fund

In memory of  
**Steven Wiley**  
given by  
Rosemarie & Frank Herring  
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### To: Holy Cross LWML

In memory of  
**Elsie Beckcom**  
**Steven Wiley**  
given by  
Ida Trojcak  
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### To: Holy Cross Building Fund








In memory of  
**Steven Wiley**  
given by  
Cathy Glick  
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Holy Cross Lutheran—Nederland, TX

# NOVEMBER 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu*	Fri*	Sat
<b>Elders:</b> Wade Kieschnick 722-1226 David Proulx 748-0020 Steve Vincent 781-5185	<b>Ushers:</b> 2-Geoffrey Kret, Brad Perryman 9-Jon Longlet, James Shipley 16-Charles Schrader, Scott Stevenson 23-Johnny Davis, Art Richard 26-Pat Sturgis ( <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i> ) 30-Tom Canton, Ronnie Gunn	<b>4</b> 3pm Rumble Ball	<b>Acolytes:</b> 2-Taylor Shuford, Keagan Derouen 9-Chloe Cannon, Cain Shaw 16-Maggie Hopper, Savannah Zymont 23-Griffin Kieschnick, Katelee Zampini 30-Emily Albright, Hannah Torres	<b>*DCE Kristy's day off</b> Pastor Francis' day off	<b>*Pastor Francis' day off</b> Pastor Seth's day off	<b>1</b> 8:30-10:30am <b>LWML Mission Planning</b> , Ed. Bldg. -Big Room
<b>2 All Saints' Sunday</b> 9am Sunday Classes 10:30 Worship w/ Communion 	<b>3</b> 8:30am Pastors & DCE Meeting ECE No School 6:30pm <b>Thrivent</b> Dinner/Election Mtg. @ Bethlehem Lutheran, Bmt.	<b>4</b> 3pm Rumble Ball	<b>5</b> 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Confirmation & Mid-week Classes, High School Youth, Lifelight	<b>6</b> 9:30am ECE Chapel 9:30am <b>Quilting</b> 2pm Memorial Service 6pm <b>Mission &amp; Assimilations Mtg.</b> 7pm <b>Fit for Life 2 Adult Choir</b> Harmony Exporters	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9am Sunday Classes 10:30am Traditional Worship ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) 10:30am <b>Fusion (FLC)</b> Contemporary Service 2:30pm Circuit 34 <b>Mission Council</b> @ St. John, Bmt	<b>10</b> 8:30am Pastors & DCE Meeting 6:30pm <b>MDAW</b> Meeting 7pm <b>ECE Board</b> Meeting	<b>11</b> 3pm Rumble Ball 6pm <b>LWML</b> 	<b>12</b> 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Confirmation & Mid-week Classes, High School Youth	<b>13</b> 9:30am ECE Chapel 9:30am <b>Quilting</b> 7pm <b>Adult Choir</b> Harmony Exporters	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9am Sunday Classes 10:30 Worship with Communion 	<b>17</b> 8:30am Pastors & DCE Meeting 7:30pm <b>Board of Elders</b> Meeting	<b>18</b> 8:30am <b>Circuit Professionals</b> Meeting at Redeemer, Beaumont 3pm Rumble Ball 7pm <b>Church Council</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30am ECE Chapel 5:30pm Midweek Meal 6pm Confirmation & Mid-week Classes, High School Youth	<b>20</b> 9:30am ECE Chapel 2:30pm <b>Ladies Small Group</b> Bible Study 7pm <b>Adult Choir</b> Harmony Exporters	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10am-6pm <b>FLC-Private Rental</b>
<b>23</b> 9am Sunday Classes 10:30 Worship	<b>24</b> 8:30am Pastors & DCE Meeting	<b>25</b> NO Rumble Ball due to Thanksgiving Break	<b>26</b> NO Midweek Meal or Classes 7:30 Thanksgiving Eve Serv.	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>
<i>District Professional Workers Conference @ Gloria Dei</i>			<i>DCE Kristy on Vacation</i>			
<b>30</b> 9am Sunday Classes 10:30 Worship <i>DCE on Vacation</i>			<i>ECE—school's out for Thanksgiving Holidays—Mon.-Thurs.</i>			
			<i>Give Thanks to the Lord for He is good.</i> <i>Psalms 118:1</i>			
						

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## **Do You Have Any Photos Taken At Holy Cross Functions?**

If so, post your photos on social media (ie: Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or Facebook, etc.) with the following hashtag...

# **#holycrosstexas**

Using this hashtag will allow us to check out the fun!

#hashtag  
**mania**